TO REFORM THE BALLOT

A Voluminous Measure Introduced at Harrisburg by Senator Focht, of Union.

CONCERNING ELECTIONS

Provisions for Expenses and Instructions as to Terms to Be Used in Nominations-Restrictions Upon Election Contests-The Make-up of the Tickets Clearly Defined-New Provision in Connection with the Distribution of Ballots and Regarding the Count of the Vote. Penalties Imposed.

Special from a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Feb. 21 .- Senator Benjamin K. Focht, of Union, this morning introduced the stalwart ballot reform id)). It regulates the nomination and election of public officers, requires the expenses to be paid by the county and punishes fraud. Its ballot sheet camed along the Australian lines, but preserves the Baker provision regarding the circle for straight votes. The bill in substance is as follows:

The first section provides that all expenses whatever in connection with lections shall be borne by the counties, and that all blank forms shall be prepared by the secretary of the commonwealth. Section two provides that all party nominations "can only be made by a delegate or mass convention, primary election or cancus of qualified voters belonging to one political party having a national or state organization and having a system of tinct sensations occurred. Early in the ules for its government." In the following section the bill requires that all "edependent nominations." For a office it is required that the coters from at least ten counties and numbering, all told, at least one-half of one per cent, of the largest vote for a state officer at the last election. In other cases the requirement of signers is two per cent. It is also stipulated in the navy and for the large number that no person shall receive more than where more are received he shall be some other one. Party nomination by ward, had, with one exception, escaped certificate must be filed at least forty- with slight punishment. days before election, and independent papers forty-two in state elec- Dayton, of West Virginia, warmly detions. In county elections the limit fended the navy. The stir caused by shall be twenty-eight and twenty-one Mr. Henburn's speech, however, was days respectively, and in local elections eighteen and fifteen days. Provision is was kicked up later over some items also made for contests, but it is re- in the bill for extra compensation to quired that in state elections notice of employes of the house. Mr. Dinumore contest shall be given within seven of Arkansas, exposed the fact that days, in county elections within eigh- one of the employes of the house, cen days and local within twelve days, while occupying one position, Contests in state nomination papers must be determined within twenty- the difference between the saintles three days before election. Where a ertificate is adjudged defective only, in the bill. the court shall fix a time for amendment subject to rules. The filling of the domestic affairs of the house, durstands, and may be done by either a committee of a convention or by recalling the convention.

For Straight Voting.

In the make-up of the ballot the bill provides that "the names of candilates for every state, county, city, borough or township office, except the names of candidates for presidential electors, shall be arranged in groups under the designation of the office and a printed in the order as nearly as results of the votes obtained in the state at the last state election." Polaver are to be printed the names of independent nominees arranged alphabetically, and on the right of the name of such candidate is to be printed the party or political designation, except that after the names of independent candidates shall be printed the words independent nominee." The hill then provides that where a voter seeks to vote a straight party ticket "there shall be printed at the top of the balthe and across the width thereof as many circles as there are political parties represented. Within these circies shall be printed the names of the several political parties," and straight ficket can be voted by a mark within a circle.

A new provision in connection with distribution of the ballots is one requiring the county commissioners to mail complete specimens of the ballot to all judges of elections at least four days before election.

Section twenty provides that at the opening of the polls in each voting place the seals of the ballot packages shall be publicly broken. This is tended to prevent the stuffing of the ballot box preparatory to the opening of the poils. Provision is also made that all spoiled ballots, as well as the stub and the unused ballots and the lists of voters, shall be placed in separate sealed covers and returned to the proper office, and shall not be opened except by the return judges or by order of court in a contest. Where a voter s unable to mark his ticket the new bill requires that he shall select one of the watchers present to assist him.

The bill has some new features in regard to the count. Watchers and supervisors are permitted to be present, but not within the guard rail. All sailos are to be kept in the unobstructed view of those present in the voting roots during the count and so they may be marks in each ballet. It shall be the New York tob they of the bolice officers, sunstable or

ballots used in one or more election districts were in any way defective, to an extent so as to mislead the voters, the court may declare the election void for the office affected and shall make report to the governor, who shall fix day within four weeks for a new

In winding up, the bill provides penalties for a voter showing his balot, casting any other than the official ballot; also for the destroying of any list of candidates, card of instruction or specimen ballot, or the removal of supplies about the voting place, or for the hindering of the voting of others; also for falsely making or for destroying or defacing any certificate of nomnation or letter of withdrawal or for forging or falsely making the official ndorsement on any ballot, or for wilfully delaying the delivery of the ballets. It also provides a penalty for any public officer who shall negligenty fail to perform any duty required or hall hinder the object of the act or iolate any provisions. The penalty n all of these cases is a fine not excedling \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than a year, or both. It is also provided that where a person other than a one authorized shall have ballots in his possession outside the voting room or a counterfeit of an official ballot, he shall be guilty of a misemeanor and punishable as above. the bill repeals all acts inconsistent

with its provisions. The bill has been sent to the senat election committee, of which Mr. Focht is chairman. It is the measure the Republican organization endorses, and will be pushed through. T. J. Duffy.

ANOTHER FIELD DAY IN THE HOUSE

Two Distinct Sensations Occur During the Sessions-Question of Salaries Discussed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 21.-This was another field day in the house. Two disday, during the consideration of an amendment to the deficiency approother nominations shall be known as priation bill to prevent hazing at the naval academy, Mr. Hepbura, Iowa, exceedingly strong language nomination papers shall be signed by while inveighing against the practice of hazing, charging by indiscretion that the habits of tyranny and oppression formed by the officers of the army and navy at their academies, was respon sible for the refusal of sailors to enlist of desertions from the army. More one nomination for the same office, and lover, he alleged that the officers stood by each other when in trouble, saying deemed to have accepted the first that the commanders of twenty-five nomination made, unless he select vessels of the navy lost since the civil

> Mr. Cannon, of Illineis, mild compared with the row which

> drawing salary for another, and that was to be made up in one of the items

This led to a general ventilation of acancies on a ticket is left as it now ing which Mr Balley, of Texas, declared that the situation was a scandal upon the integrity of the house. He charged that there were employes of the house who were dividing their salaries with others who performed no work, and challenged any one on the other side to deny his allegations. He offered to produce sworn testimony in substantiation of his charges, if an in-

vestigating committee was appointed At the close of the session Mr. Balley offered a resolution for the appointment of an investigating committee, which was referred to the house committee on rules on the assurance of lowing the names of the party nomi- Mr. Payne, the majority leader, that will be reported at once. The eral deficiency appropriation bill-the last of the appropriation bills-was

FOREIGN CONSULS AID INSURGENTS

Police of Manila Have Obtained Startling Evidence Against Reyes and Peypoch.

B" Exclusive Ware from The Associated Press. Munita, Feb. 21.-The police of Munita tains to have obtained decumentary eddence which they allege tends to periminate Francisco Reves, Italian onsul at Manila, and Manuel Peypoch, onsul for Uruguay, in alding the Filipino insurgents. The evidence

has been submitted to General Me-Francisco Reves is also prominent is a banker, broker and merchant, He the principal stockholder in the Manila Street Rairway company, He is charged with the circulation in the Philippine islands of the insurgent newspaper called Pilipino Antes Eucopea, published in Madrid by his brother, Isabelto De Los Fleyes. Manuel Peypoch, the consul for Urns

guay in Manila, is alleged to have neted as a medium for the exchange of money in Manlia, used under the direction of the insurgent general, True, Disclosures connecting Mr. thebas, manager of the Branch Spanish bank in Manila, with the Carman transactions, appear incufficient werent the server.

Steamship Arrivals.

able to see all the fir because was from The Associated Press. M. Cleared: Service Lives they of the police officers, sunstable or post Massian Bayondan; Furnola, thespectionary constable to remain within the Pretons, Harrier, in Princett and Checken. voting room, but outside the guard tall, Guenstonn S. b. Timete, tem Liver Muring the court and to preserve New York, Arrively transmit, New York days ! Oldenberg, Brethett, In a further section it is provided that where in any contested section it is provided that where in any contested section is a section of the many contested section. il shall appear to the court that the I Noonland, New York for Antwerp.

TEN KILLED IN COLLISION

Terrible Wreck on the Ambou Division of the Pennsulvania Railroad Near Trenton.

LARGE NUMBER INJURED

Engines of Express and Local Passenger Trains Meet Head-on at Rusling Siding Near Bordentown. Both Are Demolished and the Cars Next to Them Splintered-Ten Persons Killed and Over Twentyfive Are Injured-Wounded in Trenton and Camden Hospitals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.-One of the orst collisions in the history of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad occurred about 5.30 o'clock this and are not thought to be seriously vening at Rusling's Siding, near Bordentown, and about eight miles south of Trenton. The "Nelly Bly" express rom New York for Atlantic City cellided with passenger train No. 339, running from Camden to Trenton. The of dead so far as known is ten and the number of injured up-wards of 25. A special train, at about o'clock, from the scene of the wreck brought four dead bodies and eighteen wounded persons to Trenton. Th wounded were distributed among the three Trenton hospitals. Other wounded passengers were taken to Cooper ospital at Camden.

Among the killed was Walter Earl, engineer of the express, and James Birmingham, baggagemaster of the local train. Most of the others killed are Italians. Frank Boland, a passenger on train No. 220, an employe of the Pennsylvania Raffroad company, had both legs cut off. The doctors say he on the "Nelly Bly," was badly inpred but is expected to recover. Frank Thompson, engineer of No. 230, and a leg broken and is badly bruised.

He is in a precarious condition Edward Carwood, fireman on No. \$330. Edward Sapp, conductor on No. 330,

was also injured by being thrown forward on the floor of the rear car of his naries and seven district section assotrain. His wounds are not befleved to s train. They were being taken to

for the railroad company. Scene at the Wreck.

by those who were present as horrifying. The two trains collided at full speed and both engines were completely demolished. The forward car of each train, in both instances a combination baggage and smoker, were entirely demolished also, and to add to the horror the wreck took fire. The second car of the "Nellie Bly" turned over on its side and the passengers had to climb out through the windows In this they were assisted by passenfrom the cars that did not leave the track. The track at this point is so close to the Delaware and Raritan canal that the passengers in gettitng out of the overturned coach got into the canal and many of the hodies of the dead and injured had

to be taken from the water. Thomas Lawrence, of Tenton, said he saw one man buried beneath the ruins and crying for assistance. He tried to pry him out, but found he could do nothing to help him. He believes the man perished in the flames. The scene of the wreck was far from outside agsistance, and when the wrecking train arrived from Trenton was after dark and the work of learing up the debris and removing

he bodies was necessarily slow. The "Nellie Bly" was running in three sections and it was the third section with which No. 230 collided. The local train had taken the siding to p mit the express to pass, and it is belleved that through some misunderstanding or mistake, the local came out on the main track after the second section had passed, mistaking it for the third section.

Burned to Death. The survivors shuddered as they described the scene of the carnage. said the cries of agony coming from under the wreckage where the Italians were confined were heartrending. The gines and it is believed that a number of the Italians who were not killed outright were burned to death. One of the first bodies taken out was that of Engineer Walter Earl, of Atlantic City, who was in charge of the ex-He was killed instantly, his head having been cut off. Then the body of James Birmingham, of Bordentown, N. J., baggagemaster of the

local train, was found. Willing hands went instantly to work | 156. and it was due to the good work of the uninjured passengers that many lives were saved. Judge Kelly, of New York, paid a high tribute to his fellow passengers, including the women, for the way they took up the work of res-

A miraculous escape was that of George Enger, of South Orange. Mr. Enger is a crippie and was sitting in a wheel chair in the baggage car wher the crash came. This car was terribly aplintered, and part of H was on top of the first car. Mr. Enger was pitchod out of his chair, but unfortunately he was not burt, and he managed to crawl to an opening in the side of the ar and was lifted out.

Local Crew Blamed.

The natiroad officials put the blame on the erew of the local, which was in Dr. William Patterson, paster of the harge of Conductor E. S. Sapp and Berhany church, | Engineer B. F. Thompson, both of "The Abundant Life."

Camden. The railroad authorities say that the crew of this train had been BREAK IN THE given orders to "meet" the express at Bordentown-that is, to wait on a siding at that point until the express shall have passed. Instead of doing this, however, they kept on up the road, and met the express at Rusling's siding, above Bordentown, and a head-

on collision occurred. The road was badly blocked and passengers were transferred at the scene

of the wreck. The latest information shows that there were nine persons killed outright besides Frank Boland, who is expected to die from his injuries. Eight bodies have been brought to Trenton, and at least one other is known to be under the debris. The dead who have been identified are: Walter Earl, engineer of the express

James Birmingham, baggagemaster f the local train. Frank Hill, of White Hill, a railroad mploye, who was a passenger on the

John Gates, of Trenton, a passenger on the local train. Four Italians, whose names have not been learned.

taken from the wreck late tonight and brought to the Trenton morgue, where all the bodies now are. Thirteen of the eighteen injured brought here are Italians. The other five were passengers on the local train

Birmingham's charred body was

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE Y. M. C. A.

The Thirty-Third Meeting of the Association Begins at Lancaster and Will Continue Until Sunday Night.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Feb. 21 .- The thirty-third annual convention of the State Young Men's Christian association, which began in this city this afternoon and will continue until Sunday night, bids fair to be the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the association. By noon today seven hundred delegates Michael McGraw, ficeman had reported, and each incoming train added to the host, until tonight more than 800 expected have enrolled. From all parts of the state they have come every city of any consequence being epresented. There are delegates present from seventy-three city associaas badly bruised by jumping, but will tions, twenty-five railroad associations, chools twelve normal schools, seven medical colleges, nine theological semi-

ciations The handsome new Young Men's The dead and injured Italians were Christian association building, to cost I have the honor to represent (the paper will be published for the special riding in the smoking car of the ex- one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars when completed and furnish Atlantic City to do construction work is being used for the exercises, the first

The auditorium was crowded when be retiring president, Walter C. The scene at the wreck is described | Pouglass, of Philadelphia, called the onvention to order at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. James Y. Mitchell, of ests. the First Presbyterian church, Lancaser, conducted devotional services, and hen President Douglass made the introductory address. He spoke briefly tteen the subject, "Paith, Hope and

The following committees were then appointed:

Permanent Organization-H. C. Coleman, No. tunn; P. G. Wissinger, Pittsburg; J. A. Nes Laborette college; Frank G. Shook, Den D. T. Kuhn, Grove City college. Committee on Business-Robert H. Nearth Billadelphia; Frank Bryant, Scranton; H. C. Wood, University of Pennsylvania; O. H. Cloud, Chester; Charles F. McCaw, New Brighton. Crestentials—G. W. Swelgart, Scottdale: Theorem Gathohell, Philadelphia; H. S. Rhodes, Getresburg college; A. L. Smethers, York.

Chairman Coleman of the committee on organ-ization reported the nomination of the following rmanent officers: President, George D. Selden, Erie: vice presidents, James S. Hand, Dr. George A. Bailey, Philadelphia, and S. W. Divton, Betwick; secretaries, W. H. Gillespie, Phildelphia, and E. N. Evans, Reformed Theological

W. J. Erdman, D. D. of Germanown, delivered an address on "The Cross: Its Separating Power."

Rev. Clarence E. Eberman, president of the state Christian Endeavor society, was introduced and concluded the afternoon session with an eloquent benediction.

The delegates were then entertified with supper at the First Presbyterian hurch, during which Charles E. Hurlourt conducted a round table confer mee on "Personal Contact with Men. As the audience tonight was expect-

ed to be unusually large-and the expectations were fully realized-this session was held in Pulton Opera house. After a service of song, with H. L. Maxwell, of Greencastle, Ind., as musical director, and J. M. Chance, of Scranton, as planist, State Chairman mass took fire from the wrecked en- George M. McCauley, of Harrisburg, presented his annual report.

Socretary McCauley's report speaks of the growth of the association in the state as slow but increasing substantially. In 1854 there were but two associations organized which continued to the end of the century-Philadelphia and Harrisburg. In 1856 there were but four that still survive. In 1870 there were 13 that are still in existence, white at the close of 1900 there were

Continuing the report says: We have entered the immulistic contany wish

remelations (72 city and town, 21 radical and 62 student); a membership of 20,056 (city and town 20,018, rathroad 6,007, endeut 3,001), with 41 accordations owning their own homes rathed at \$2.531,000; with a total net value of sciention presently of \$2.702,525; which to tales the apparatus in 54 gynuncsiums, the edittional equipment of 45 associations, unries with \$5,000 volumes; and with \$150,372 difficient subscriped for the tenhings or the payment of debt upon old ones. The cost of the conduct of the work during the Year was \$265,005.

The report of State Treasurer J. B. Bailey. Harrisburg, showed that the receipts for the year were \$12,846.24; expenditures, \$12,788.49, and balance,

The address of the evening was by Philadelphia,

RANKS OF **FLINNITES**

Representative W. W. Nisbet, Insurgent and Anti, Will Support the Ripper.

THE BOXERS IN DESPAIR

The Action of the Representative from the Fifth Legislative District of Allegheny in Announcing That He Will Support the Muchlbronner MRS. NATION WILL Bill Is Regarded as the Forerunner of a General Break in the Columns of the Insurgents-The Hands of the Flinnites Are Elevated in Holy Terror at the Prospect of the Stampede That Will Probably Follow.

Special from a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Pa., Pcb. 21.-Representative W. W. Nisbet, an insurgent. boxer, Flinnite and an anti of the antis, representing the Fifth Allegheny district, in the heart of Pittsburg, the largest and richest legislative district in the state, comes out tonight for the Muchlbronnes bill. It is the ranks of the insurgents. Mr. Nissupport the ripper has caused the Filmnites to throw up their hands in

statement: "I believe that a vast majority of people want this bill passed a clean man, a man who does not by the house just as it comes to us from the senate, and I consider it my duty to my constituents to vote for the twenty-one colleges, fifteen preparatory | bill. I desire at this time to define my position and intentions on the passage of this bill. It is a measure which affeets withily the interest of the district Fifth Legislative district of Allegheny county). Not only that district, which is the largest legislative district in the state, but the entire great city of Pittsburg, with her vast and varied inter-

"The people of that great city are watching what their representatives are doing and how they will vote on this bill, which means so much to the manufacturers, the business man, the professional man, the mechanic and men who have a vast amount of real estate, and the man who is trying to secure a little home for himself and family; in fact, every phase and walk in life have an interest in this bill. I intend to vote on this measure the way I consistently and honestly believe to be for the best interests of Pittsburg, and all other second-class cities in this T. J. Duffy. great state."

SIZED UP BUILDINGS.

Three Notorious Bank Thieves Are Captured in Pittsburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Feb. 21 .- Micky Gleason f Chicago, and Sidney Yonnie and Newman, notorious bank Charles thieves, whose faces adorn every rogues gallery in the country, were arrested here today, while sizing up bank buildings.

several cities and will hold them several days as suspicious characters. It s supposed they were on their way to Washington to operate during the inauguration.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By fixclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Philadelphia, Pels, 21 .-- Mrs. Thomas Scott, widow of the late Colonel Thomas A. Scott. president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, led at her home today after a long illness, was a prominent society leader, being widely known here and abovad. She was formerly Miss Anna D. Riddle, of Pittsburg.

Los Angelos, Cal., Feb. 21.—Former United enough of the girls ach for reinstatement and States Senator Stephon M. White died at his residence in Les Angeles today after a short

illness. Since the expiration of his torra, several

months ago, Senator White had been practicing

New Pennsylvania Service.

law here.

Br Exclusive Wire from Tac Associated Press Pittsburg, Pels, 21,-The management of the Pennsylvania lines has arranged with the Eric empany for through passenger service on two daily trains via Columbus and Akron to B taking effect May 5, from 8s. Louis, Indianapolis, Lonisville, Cincinnati, Dayton and Colum-This arrangement brings a new competito the field for Chantauqua labe. Buttale and No. nen Fatts business.

Sword for "Fighting Bob." By Explusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Volu 11 .- The presentation of a tonight was the occusion of a speech by Specidecson, of the house of representati ing a glowing tribute to "Fighting Boo" to the American ter in peneral. The sword was presented by the people of town in recognition in the billiard motern over Howis of his command of the battleskip Iona donline final score of the night's play the battle of Santiago bay. Captain Evans number Tim total score and to

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

Fatal Wreck Near Trenton

FAIR: NORTHWESTERLY WINDS. General-Insurgenta Wiff Support Risper Bill

- Progress of the Railroad inquiry General-Proposed Ripper Bill Is Legally
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- Social--Live News of the Industrial World.

BECOME AN EDITOR

But Announces That She Will Not Allow Herself to Be Made a Fool of for a Million Dollars a Minute.

Special to the Sumpton Trillane.

Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 21,-Mrs. Car-cie Nation is to enter politics and is become the editor of the Smashers Mail, a paper to be run in behalf of She has refused tempting of fers to lecture and will remain in Topeka to help elect a "clean man" for mayor at the spring election. Thes matters were announced by the crusader from her coll in the county jall today after the charge against her, of her smashing the Senate saloon (w) weeks ago, had been dismissed by Judge McCabe. She is still being held on the charge of breaking into Moester's cold storage plant last Sunday.

A delegation of the home defender called on Mrs. Nation in her cell to talk about nominating a city ticket for . the election this spring. Mrs. Nation, who has decided to become a citizen of Mr. Nisbet gave out the following | Topeka, at jeast for a time, was en-

> "We decided," she said, "to nominate drink, smoke or blaspheine. No other

need apply." The newspaper that Mrs. Nation inlends to edit will be published by "Nick" Chiles, a negro joint keeper, who signed one of Mrs. Nation's bonds last week, and David Nation. Mrs. Nation's husband is coming to Topeka to help his wife with the enterprise. He once relified a paper in Warrensburg, Mo. Mrs. Nation says the needs of the negroes. It will contain Kansas and will devote much space to the letters Mrs. Nation received from her enemies and her sympathizers,

She will write the editorials. Mrs. Nation refuses to go on any more lecture trips. A circus and theatrical man has advertised that he has secured Mrs. Nation for a professional Eastern papers telegraphed inquiries about this matter. Mrs. Nation announced that she would not allow herself to be "made a fool of for a mil-Bon dollars a minute."

PLANS OF ARBITRATION.

Suggested at Annual Meeting of American Newspaper Publishers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Peb, 21.-The annual meeting of the American newspaper publishers was continued today in the Walderf-Asteria hotel. The morning session was devoted to a discussion of the plan for arbitration of labor disputes which had been submitted by a special committee yesterday. After adjournment it was said that the association had unanimously adopted the

following resolution: Resolved. That the plan of moitration posed by the representatives of the A. N. P. A. and the I. T. U. and endersed by the heard of directors of the association be and the same i berolg ratified, approved and confirmed by the

members of this association in convention assem-The agreement now awaits ratifiention by the local unions of the International Typographical union.

AMERICAN PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED IN CHINA.

The police say they are wanted in By Endusive Wire from The Associated Proce. Washington, Pels, 21 .- At the instance of the United States government the powers have as sented the principle that no further individual concession of territory in Chica shaft he amult or obtained by any one power without in other

thought possents Shamokin Siik Mills Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stomoidn, Pa., Peb. 21.--The Shamokin silk nitt, employing 250 operatives, was closed down by the owners for an indefinite period first eve at because the employee formed a major hi night. The company, comprising local and New Jersey capitalists, will coopen the works when

forego unionism. Saratoga Casino Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Saratogo, N. V., Feb.21 .- The Weeden sti-Cusino, was totally destroyed by the totaly was occupied by George W. Sixter. lealer. The low will accurrate \$10,000 and Insurance \$20,000. The Carine was for severayears ethined for convention purposes.

Salaries Advanced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Poets. Chicago, Feb. 21. General Manager Sciott, et concing the atlantes to every a legacin amount a the causaloy of the man 1995 per cent. The home will affect between seven and nine lune

Morningstar Leads.

By Liebsine Was from The Associated Press. New York, Vols. 11 .- Morningstar held his lead o the billiard moter over Hewisse tonight. The

PROSPERITY OF RAILROADS

Due According to Witnesses Before Industrial Commission to Good Management and Good Times.

REGARDING COAL RATES

President Walter, of the Lehigh Valley, and President Thomas, of the Erie. Give Interesting Testimony. The Valley Company Buys Coal of the Independent Operators Who Are Paid 60 Per Cent. of the Selling Price at Tidewater-The Public Pays Higher Price for Coal as a Result of the Strike-Mr. Thomas Knows of No Combine.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 21.-The hearing of in sub-committee on transportation of the industrial commission was resumed this forenoon with Thomas I., Greene, vice president of the Audit ompany ngalu a witness.

Mr. Greene, before commoncing his testimony, gave out a statement sayng he had been mrequoted as to store ownership of raffroads.

He said he was opposed to government ownership and always had been. Mr. Greene also denied that he had said the state of Pennsylvania ought to compel the roads to ship coal by the shortest and quickest route. Such entiments, he said, were not held by

"Are the largely increased earnings of railroads we read of from day to day the result simply of good times or partly due to better management?"

Mr. Greene was asked. "Both these elements enter into the present prosperity of railroads," the witness replied.

"If industrial commissions can pre-

cent over-production and the railroads give the exporters facilities for shipping their surplus production, what effeet would that have to prevent bad "it would undoubtedly accomplish a great deal in that direction. We have times in this country as a result of the remendous energy of our people. This

other and one of the results is overproduction. If we could get something to keep this industrial energy within bounds, it seems to us it would have very wholesome effect." "The preference to a corporation above a co-partnership in the finan-

energy must be given a vent some way

cial world today is mainly on the ground of the limited liability of the members, is it not?" asked Professor Jenks. "Yes, undoubtedly."

"Would it not be well to have a fund which should always exist and which could be held liable so as to insure

credit ?" "I think," the witness replied. " would be well if a corporation could be made to define how much of its assots represent actual value, in distinc-

tion to what represents good will. Lehigh Valley Dealings.

At the afternoon session Alfred Walter, president of the Lehigh Valley rallrand, was questioned. He said his ompany bought some coal from socalled independent operators and that in such cases the operators were paid 60 per cent, of the selling price at tidewater. Mr. Walter said that some years ago mining was more profitable than now. The work was then above water line. As the work progressed below the water line, he said, the cost and also the risk became greater and profits consequently less. "Do you think that a saving to the

onsumer will be effected through the community of interest plan?" asked. I think it will benefit the producer and is bound by time to benefit the

consumer also," Mr. Walter said that sixty per cent. of the coal transported over his road came from independent operators. He said no discrimination was made

against them, they were readily sup-

plied with cars. Mr. Walter disclaimed any intention on the part of the Lehigh Valley to get absolute control of the anthracite regions through which the road passes. "I would like to ask you something

about the labor conditions in the anthracite regions," said Mr. Kennedy "in your opinion were the demands of the miners in the last strike just?" "They got them," replied Mr. Walter, The reason why I hesitate is that it was a pure business transaction. I

don't know what you mean by just, They made certain demands and they got what they wanted. That is all I

"Does the public pay a higher price for coal now as a result of the strike?"

Then the strike was a bad thing or the public, "I don't know." "Do you believe labor unions are

good thing?" "As a general proposition, yes." E. B. Thomas, president of the Eric railroad, was the next to testify. Mr. Thomas gave statistics pertaining to the amount of coal his road carried, and the percentage of which came from independent opera-

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